



[22750/502]

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Reinhold KRAUS

Serial No.: 10/005,363

Filing Date: November 8, 2001

For: ROTATING MECHANICAL SEAL

Group Art Unit: 3676

Examiner: Alison K. Pickard

Confirmation No.: 7893

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

Date: Jan. 30, 2004

Reg. No. 31,792

Signature: _____

Richard M. Rosati

AMENDMENT

S I R:

This paper addresses the Office Action dated September 11, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

RECEIVED
FEB 11 2004
GROUP 3600